

Amendment No. 1 to SB1492

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1492\***

**House Bill No. 1136**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the following:

(1) Impacts on the hydrology and water volume of the Memphis Sands Aquifer, and any other impacts on the environment of the geographic area in which the aquifer is located, resulting from withdrawals of water from the aquifer made by persons who individually pump more than two hundred thousand (200,000) gallons from the aquifer per day;

(2) The economic cost of mitigating and/or eliminating any adverse impacts identified under subdivision (a)(1);

(3) The feasibility of Shelby County imposing a conservation fee on persons who individually pump more than two hundred thousand (200,000) gallons from the aquifer per day to offset any costs identified under subdivision (a)(2), including an estimated fee amount based on the number of persons expected to pay the fee and a rate of aquifer water use; and

(4) The feasibility and benefits of requiring that an aquifer impact study be conducted prior to the approval of any application for an aquatic resource alteration permit, or for modification of an existing aquatic resource alteration permit.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to TACIR in connection with the study required by subsection (a).

(c) TACIR shall submit a report disclosing the findings of the study and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the general assembly no later than December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.